

REMARKS

Summary of the Examiner's Actions

The examiner rejected Claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Toppeto, et al., U.S. Patent Number 4,263,549 ("Toppeto"). Applicant acknowledges the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

The examiner allowed Claims 1-35, 37, and 38. Applicant appreciates such indication.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

In order to expedite the allowance of Claims 1-35, 37, and 38, Claim 36 has been cancelled, without prejudice, with the intent of representing Claim 36 in a continuation of the present application.

Reasons for Indicating Allowable Subject Matter

Finally, the examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowing the Claims 1-35, 37, and 38. Applicant respectfully submits that, in addition to the reasons provided by the examiner, other limitations found in Claims 1-35, 37, and 38 are not found in the prior and the reasons for allowance are broader than presently stated.

Summary

In view of the cancellation of Claim 36, without prejudice, and the arguments presented herein, it is believed that the above-identified patent application is in a condition for the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Such action by the examiner is respectfully requested. If, however, the examiner is of the opinion that any of the drawings or other portions of the application are still not allowable, it will be appreciated if the examiner will telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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